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RE: DHS FOIA APPEAL 2019-HQAP-00390

Dear Mr. Amarel:

This letter is in response to your appeal of the Department of Homeland Security's response to your FOIA Request 2019-HQFO-01044. You sought all email sent to, from, or copied to Kevin McAleenan, from January 1, 2019 to the date of your request containing the search terms "meritorious," "unlawful," "POTUS," "Miller," "congress," or "Judiciary Committee." The Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) sent a final response stating it found no responsive records. You believe the search was inadequate.

Pursuant to a memorandum of agreement, the United States Coast Guard Office of the Chief Administrative Law Judge is reviewing the FOIA appeals for the Department of Homeland Security General Counsel's office. Therefore, the Office of the Chief Administrative Law Judge will be rendering the official appeal decision on behalf of the Department of Homeland Security.

After a thorough review of the record, it appears one of the search terms may have been entered incorrectly. I am therefore remanding this request to OCIO for reprocessing of the correct search term within 30 days. If any records are found, OCIO will respond directly to you. Once the updated search has been completed, I will issue a final determination on this appeal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Heather L. MacClintock".

Heather L. MacClintock  
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